RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that the Departmental Reports are not being printed and issued to the members of the Assembly and the Press?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): They are being issued along with the Administration Reports.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I rise to a point of order. This is a very vital question. It has been answered that the annual reports of various departments are not being published. I wish to know what is the stuff that is being supplied to us now.

PRESIDENT: What does Mr. Thommen mean when he says that these annual reports are not being published?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The report of the Protector of Depressed Classes is being published along with the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): The question was a general one. The question was why this report is not being published when other reports are being published.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The report of the Protector of Depressed Classes is not being published separately.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Then I ask the question why it is not being published separately.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is being published along with the report of the Co-operative Department.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Is it published in extenso?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Under which head of department is the Protector of Depressed Classes?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He is under the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether any details are mentioned about the work of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

License fees on Newspapers and Periodicals.

9. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum amount of the license fee levied upon daily newspapers in the State;

(*b*) the name of the daily paper that paid the highest amount of the license fee;

(*c*) the maximum amount of license fee levied upon "Weeklies" in the State;

(*d*) the name of the 'Weekly' that paid the highest amount of license fee;

(*e*) the maximum amount of license fee levied upon "By-monthlies" in the State;

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(*c*) In view of the first part of the answer to (*b*), this does not arise.

(*f*) the name of the "By-monthly" that paid the highest license fee;

(*g*) the maximum amount of license fee levied upon "Monthlies" in the State;

(*h*) the name of the "Monthly" that paid the highest license fee;

(*i*) whether there is any difference in the license fee levied in the case of newspapers of the same category: and

(*j*) why such distinctions or variations are made?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*j*) The information asked for is of a confidential nature and hence it cannot be given.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether orders are issued to the applicants for licenses for newspapers fixing up the fee?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In that case why is the information I sought for in my original question treated as of a confidential nature?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have treated it as confidential.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Once the question has been admitted by the Dewan, does it lie with the Chief Secretary to say that the answer is of a confidential nature?

PRESIDENT: That point was raised previously on the floor of the House, and a ruling was given by the Chair that Government have the right to claim that the information is of a confidential nature.

As regards the President having allowed the question, the only point the President has to consider is whether the question is within the four corners of the rules regarding admissibility of questions. He is not concerned whether the question relates to a matter of a confidential nature or not. That is for the Government to say.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I rise to a point of order. Supplementary questions are asked for seeking further information. When it is said that the information is confidential, is a supplementary question in order?

PRESIDENT: No.

The Land Mortgage Bank.

10. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount hitherto advanced by Government to the Land Mortgage Bank;

(*b*) whether there is any reserve fund for the bank and, if so, the amount of the reserve;

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